

Sunday of The Myrrh-Bearing Women

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April 23, 2023



Prayer before Liturgy

THROUGH THE PRAYERS OF OUR HOLY FATHERS, O LORD
JESUS CHRIST OUR GOD, HAVE MERCY ON US.

AMEN.

GLORY TO YOU, OUR GOD, GLORY TO YOU.

HEAVENLY KING, COMFORTER, SPIRIT OF TRUTH,

EVERYWHERE PRESENT AND FILLING ALL THINGS, TREASURY
OF

BLESSINGS AND GIVER OF LIFE, COME AND DWELL WITHIN US,
CLEANSE US OF ALL STAIN, AND SAVE OUR SOULS, O
GRACIOUS ONE.

*THROUGHOUT PASCHA, THE FOLLOWING IS SAID IN PLACE OF
"GLORY TO YOU" AND "HEAVENLY KING."*

**CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD! BY DEATH HE TRAMPLED
DEATH;**

AND TO THOSE IN THE TOMBS HE GRANTED LIFE. (THREE TIMES)

**HOLY GOD, HOLY AND MIGHTY, HOLY AND IMMORTAL, HAVE
MERCY ON US. (THREE TIMES)**

**GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY
SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND FOREVER. AMEN.**

**MOST HOLY TRINITY, HAVE MERCY ON US; LORD, CLEANSE US
OF OUR SINS; MASTER, FORGIVE OUR TRANSGRESSIONS;
HOLY ONE, COME TO US AND HEAL OUR INFIRMITIES FOR
YOUR NAME'S SAKE.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY. (THREE TIMES)

**GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY
SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND FOREVER. AMEN.**

Acts

6: 1-7

INSTITUTION OF THE SEVEN DEACONS

.IN THOSE DAYS, AS THE NUMBER OF DISCIPLES GREW, THE HELLENISTS MADE A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE HEBREWS, ASSERTING THAT THEIR OWN WIDOWS WERE BEING NEGLECTED IN THE DAILY DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD. AND SO THE TWELVE CALLED TOGETHER THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES AND SAID, "IT IS NOT RIGHT FOR US TO NEGLECT THE WORD OF GOD IN ORDER TO WAIT ON TABLES. THEREFORE, BRETHERN, WE DIRECT YOU TO SELECT FROM AMONG YOU SEVEN MEN OF GOOD REPUTATION, MEN FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT AND WITH WISDOM, TO WHOM WE MAY ASSIGN THIS TASK. WE WILL THEN BE ABLE TO DEVOTE OURSELVES TO PRAYER AND TO THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD."

THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY FOUND THIS PROPOSAL TO BE ACCEPTABLE, AND THEY CHOSE STEPHEN, A MAN FULL OF FAITH AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, TOGETHER WITH PHILIP, PROCHORUS, NIKANOR, TIMON, PARMENAS, AND NICHOLAS OF ANTIOCH WHO WAS A CONVERT TO JUDAISM. THEY THEN PRESENTED THESE MEN TO THE APOSTLES, WHO PRAYED AND LAID HANDS ON THEM. THE WORD OF GOD CONTINUED TO SPREAD EVER MORE WIDELY. THE NUMBER OF THE DISCIPLES IN JERUSALEM INCREASED GREATLY, AND A LARGE NUMBER OF PRIESTS BECAME OBEDIENT TO THE FAITH.

Acts

12: 1-11

PERSECUTION, DEATH, AND IMPRISONMENT

IT WAS ABOUT THIS PERIOD OF TIME THAT KING HEROD PERSECUTED CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH. HE HAD JAMES, THE BROTHER OF JOHN, KILLED WITH THE SWORD, AND WHEN HE NOTED THAT THIS PLEASED THE JEWS, HE PROCEEDED TO ARREST PETER AS WELL. SINCE THIS HAPPENED DURING THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD, HE IMPRISONED HIM AND ASSIGNED FOUR SQUADS OF FOUR SOLDIERS EACH TO GUARD HIM, INTENDING TO SUBJECT HIM TO A PUBLIC TRIAL AFTER PASSOVER. WHILE PETER WAS THUS IMPRISONED, THE CHURCH PRAYED FERVENTLY TO GOD FOR HIM.

ON THE NIGHT BEFORE HEROD WAS TO BRING HIM TO TRIAL, PETER, SECURED BY TWO CHAINS, WAS SLEEPING BETWEEN TWO SOLDIERS, WHILE GUARDS OUTSIDE THE DOOR WERE KEEPING WATCH OVER THE PRISON. SUDDENLY, AN ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARED, AND A LIGHT FLOODED THE BUILDING. HE TAPPED PETER ON THE SIDE AND AWAKENED HIM, SAYING, "GET UP QUICKLY!" AND THE CHAINS FELL AWAY FROM HIS WRISTS. NEXT, THE ANGEL SAID TO HIM, "FASTEN YOUR BELT AND PUT ON YOUR SANDALS." AFTER HE DID SO, THE ANGEL INSTRUCTED HIM, "WRAP YOUR CLOAK AROUND YOU AND FOLLOW ME."

ACCORDINGLY, PETER FOLLOWED HIM OUT. HE DID NOT REALIZE THAT THE INTERVENTION OF THE ANGEL WAS REAL, THINKING THAT HE WAS SEEING A VISION. AFTER PASSING THROUGH THE FIRST GUARD POST AND THEN THE SECOND, THEY REACHED THE IRON GATE THAT LED OUT TO THE CITY. THIS OPENED FOR THEM OF ITS OWN ACCORD. THEY WENT OUTSIDE AND HAD WALKED THE LENGTH OF ONE STREET WHEN SUDDENLY THE ANGEL LEFT HIM.

THEN PETER CAME TO HIS SENSES AND SAID, "NOW I AM POSITIVE THAT THE LORD SENT HIS ANGEL AND RESCUED ME FROM HEROD'S CLUTCHES AND FROM ALL THAT THE JEWISH PEOPLE WERE EXPECTING."

Mark 15: 43-16:8

Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also awaiting the kingdom of God, boldly went to Pilate and requested the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised to hear that Jesus was already dead, and he summoned the centurion to ascertain that Jesus had indeed died. When he learned from the centurion that such was the case, he turned over the body to Joseph.

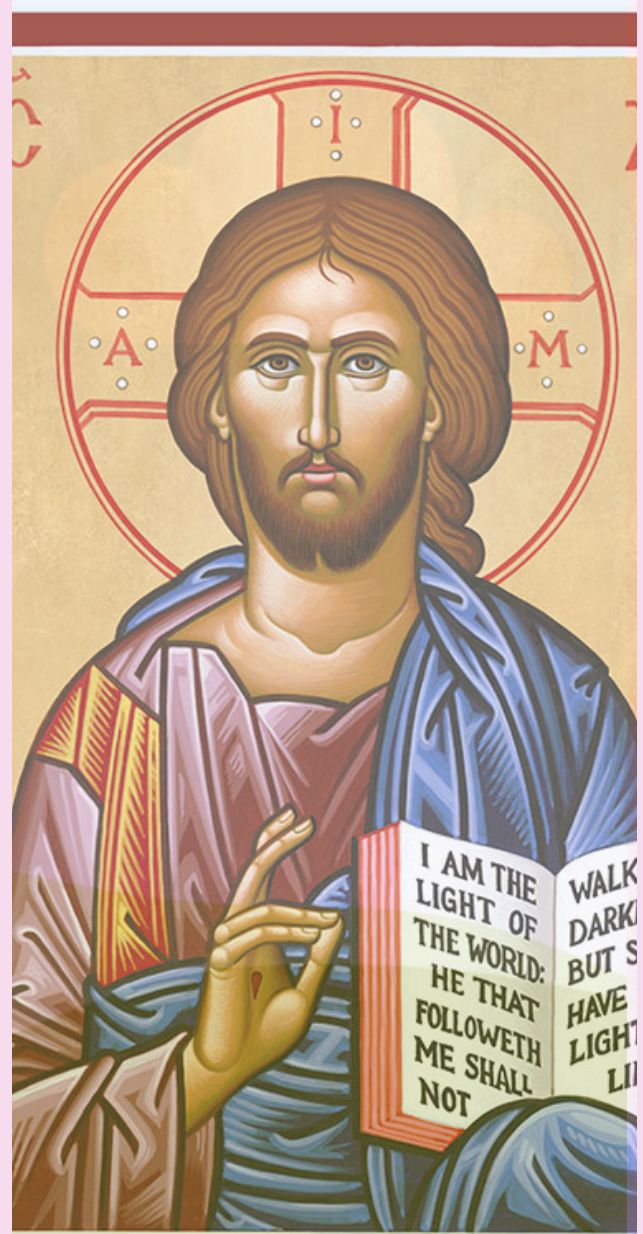
Having purchased a linen shroud, he lowered Jesus from the cross, wrapped him in the shroud, and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of rock. He then rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where the body was buried.

Jesus Is Raised from the Dead.

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome purchased aromatic spices so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they went to the tomb.

They had been asking each other, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" But when they looked up, they observed that the stone, which was extremely large, had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb, they saw a young man arrayed in a white robe sitting on the right hand side, and they were stunned.

He said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised. He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go forth and tell his disciples and Peter: 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him just as he told you.'" Then the women emerged from the tomb and fled, overcome with trembling and amazement. They said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.



DO YOU BELIEVE?

Do you believe that Christ is God? Do you wish to see the signs and did Thomas?

John 15:17-16:2

Witnesses to Jesus in the Face of the World's Hatred

The command I give you is this:
love one another.

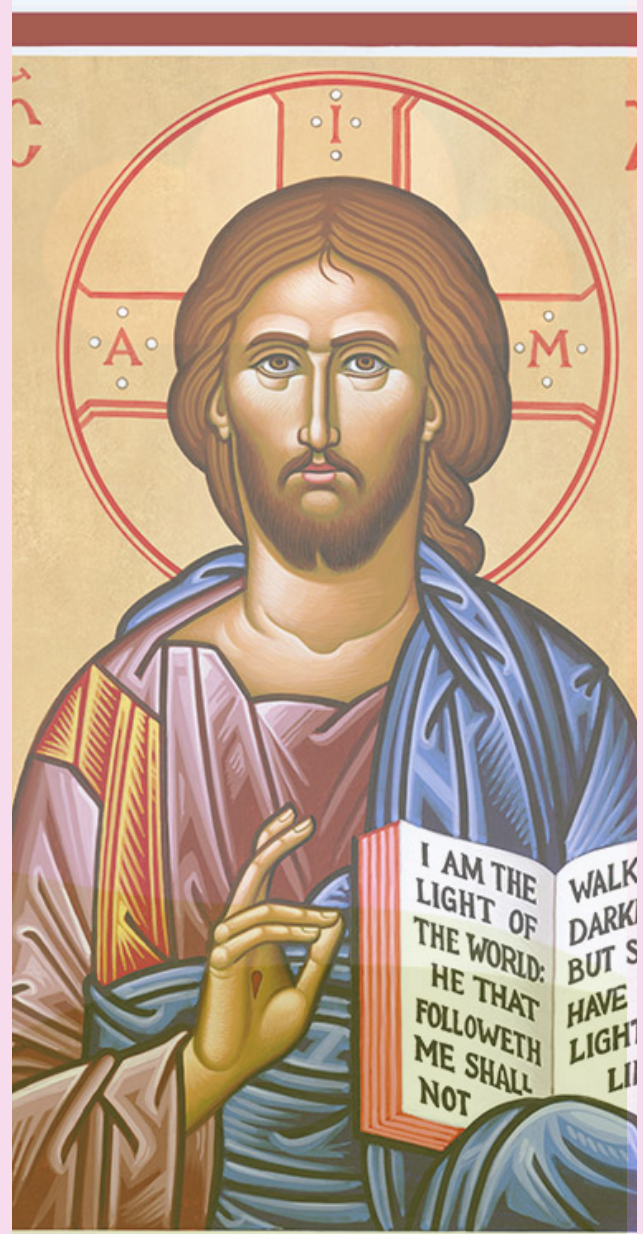
"If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. But you do not belong to the world because I have chosen you out of the world, and therefore the world hates you.

"Remember the word that I said to you: 'a servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you. If they kept my word, they will keep yours as well. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know the one who sent me. "If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done works among them that no one else had ever done, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father.

All this was to fulfill the word that is inscribed in their Law: 'They hated me without cause.' "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf.

And you also are my witnesses because you have been with me from the beginning. "I have told you this to prevent you from falling away. They will expel you from the synagogues. Indeed the hour is coming when anyone who kills you will believe that by doing so he is serving God.



DO YOU BELIEVE?

Do you believe that Christ is God? Do you wish to see the signs and did Thomas?

Thoughts?

Sunday Of The Myrrh Bearers Word Search Puzzle

Words run horizontally, vertically, diagonally & even backwards
Find words as fast as possible to win.

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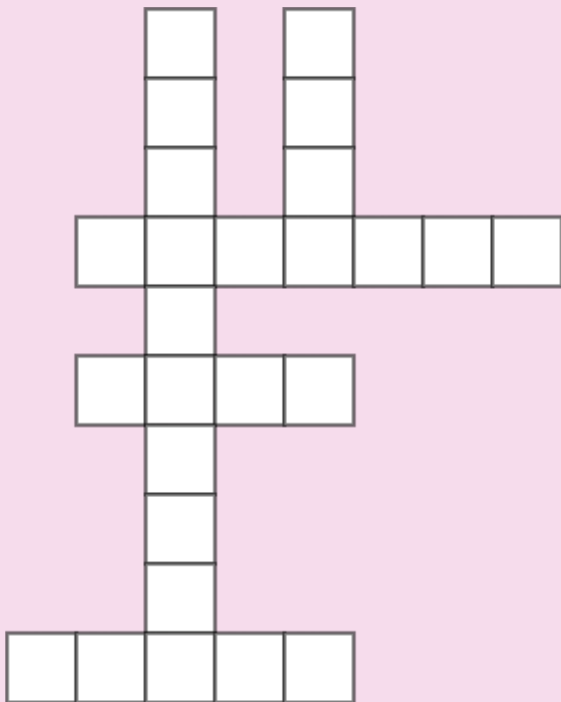
Sunday Of The Myrrh-Bearing Women Crossword Puzzle

Across

2. When the *** was over (Holy day)
3. You are looking for ***** of Nazareth, who was crucified. (Son of God)
5. The command I give you is this

Down

1. They will expel you from the *****. (Jewish house of prayer)
4. Laid him in a **** that had been hewn out of rock (place to lay the dead)



Prayer before Communion

O LORD, I BELIEVE AND PROFESS THAT YOU ARE TRULY CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD, WHO CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS OF WHOM I AM THE FIRST.

ACCEPT ME TODAY AS A PARTAKER OF YOUR MYSTICAL SUPPER, O SON OF GOD, FOR I WILL NOT REVEAL YOUR MYSTERY TO YOUR ENEMIES, NOR WILL I GIVE YOU A KISS AS DID JUDAS, BUT LIKE THE THIEF I PROFESS YOU: REMEMBER ME, O LORD, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

REMEMBER ME, O MASTER, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

REMEMBER ME, O HOLY ONE, WHEN YOU COME IN YOUR KINGDOM.

MAY THE PARTAKING OF YOUR HOLY MYSTERIES, O LORD, BE NOT FOR MY JUDGMENT OR CONDEMNATION BUT FOR THE HEALING OF SOUL AND BODY.

O LORD, I ALSO BELIEVE AND PROFESS THAT THIS, WHICH I AM ABOUT TO RECEIVE, IS TRULY YOUR MOST PRECIOUS BODY AND YOUR LIFE-GIVING BLOOD, WHICH, I PRAY, MAKE ME WORTHY TO RECEIVE FOR THE REMISSION OF ALL MY SINS AND FOR LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN. O GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME, A SINNER. O GOD, CLEANSE ME OF MY SINS AND HAVE MERCY ON ME. O LORD, FORGIVE ME FOR I HAVE SINNED WITHOUT NUMBER.

Prayer for Vocations

**O GOD, GREAT IN MIGHT AND INSCRUTABLE IN WISDOM, MARVELOUS IN COUNSEL ABOVE THE SONS OF MEN, FATHER OF ALL PERFECT GIFTS: YOU THE SAME LORD, ENLIGHTEN WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT THE HEARTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND CALL THEM TO FOLLOW YOUR ONLY BEGOTTEN SON AND OUR SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST, THE GOOD SHEPHERD! GIVE THEM THE COURAGE AND GENEROSITY NECESSARY TO OVERCOME ALL OBSTACLES TO THEIR VOCATION, FOR YOU COMPLETE WHAT IS LACKING! GIVE TO THE PARENTS THAT FAITH, LOVE AND SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE WHICH WILL INSPIRE THEM TO OFFER THEIR CHILDREN TO YOUR SERVICE AND REJOICE WHENEVER ONE OF THEIR CHILDREN IS CALLED TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN A SPECIAL WAY OF PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS CONSECRATION. WE IMPLORE YOU THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF THE MOST PURE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY!
AMEN!**

